Wrong Entries made Regarding Receipt Of Ingot moulds in Bokaro Plant

1044. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in 1989 it was pointed out that in Bokaro Steel Plant only 10 ingot moulds were received from the private supplier but the same were entered as 15;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the officer who pointed out the discrepancy was transferred; and

(d) if so, the details of the discrepancy and action taken against those who made wrong entries?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (d) The above question does not make to (d) The above question does not make any specific reference to a supplier or to an order. On the specific reference becoming available from the Honourable Member, it should be possible to furnish a reply to the Question.

Irregularities In The Supply and Manufacture of Ingot Moulds At Bokaro Steel Plant

1045. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether ingot moulds are manufactured in foundries in Bokaro Steel Plant; if so, the production per day;

(b) whether per day capacity of mould foundry is 9 to 10;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not making use of the full capacity;

(d) what is the cost at which ingot moulds are produced in Bokaro Steel Plant;

(e) whether ingot moulds are purchased from private companies also;

(f) if so, the number purchased and and at what price;

(g) whether ingot moulds purchased and supplied were of head bearing capacity of 8 to 10 heats, whereas the specification required was of 30 to 36 heats;

(h) if so, the action taken against the supplier for not sticking to specification; and

(i) the losses suffered on this count?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Ingot moulds are manufactured in the Ingot Mould Foundry of Bokaro Steel Plant at the average rate of 7 (seven) moulds per day.

(b) The present capacity of the Ingot mould Foundry is 9 (nine) moulds per day when the smaller moulds are made in large quantities.

(c) The reasons for not utilising the present capacity of Ingot Mould Foundry fully are:

(i) non-availability of good quality of sand; and

(ii) less availability of specified composition of hot metal (due to priority for steel-making).

(d) Cost at which ingot moulds are produced in the Bokaro Steel Plant is as follows:

1989-90 :	Rs. per mould
(i) 17 T Type . . .	93,404
(ii) 21.1 T Type . .	1,37,359
(iii) 28.2 T (Type-II) . .	1,75,820

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Numbers for which orders have been placed so far on private parties to supply ingot moulds during 1990-91 and the unit